

RSC Amendment to CR Would Save \$84 Billion

This week, the House is scheduled to take up an FY 2010 continuing resolution to temporarily fund government programs for all 12 appropriations bills that have yet to be enacted. The current fiscal year (FY 2009) ends on September 30, 2009. No text is available, but it is expected that the CR will extend spending authority for one month, through the end of October. The CR may also include, among other things, language extending the highway bill by one month (the House is scheduled to take up a 3-month extension of this legislation today).

The Democrats have proposed an FY 2010 spending plan that will lead to a total spending level (through the “regular” appropriations process, so not including any additional emergency spending) of \$1.09 trillion. This is a **\$77 billion** or **7.6%** increase over FY 2009. Counting *only* the non-security appropriations bills (so not including Defense, Military Construction-Veterans, and Homeland Security) the House Democrat spending plan increases FY 2010 spending by **\$84 billion** compared to FY 2008 (the spending levels in effect prior to the FY 2009 omnibus).

Quote of the Week: *“We are spending money on things we don’t need and we are paying more than we need to pay and that is completely unacceptable.”*
-President Obama March 4, 2009

Representative Jim Jordan will file an amendment to the continuing resolution that would provide spending authority for the 9 non-security appropriations bills at *FY 2008 levels*. For the Defense, Military Construction-Veterans, and Homeland Security bills, the amendment will provide a funding level equivalent to the *FY 2010 House-passed bills*. The amendment would allow the CR to remain in effect for all of FY 2010 (unless co-opted by passage of an FY 2010 spending bill). Compared to enactment of the House Democrats’ FY 2010 spending plan, this amendment proposes a spending policy that would save **\$84 billion**. These savings are as follows:

Table: Domestic Savings Proposed by RSC Amendment

In Millions of Dollars

Bill	RSC Amendment	Democrat FY 10 Plan	Savings
Agriculture	18,093	22,900	4,807
CJS	51,803	64,314	12,511
Energy and Water	30,888	33,300	2,412
Financial Services	20,599	24,150	3,551
Interior	26,555	32,300	5,745
Labor-HHS	144,841	163,400	18,559
Legislative Branch	3,970	4,700	730
State-Foreign Ops	32,800	48,843	16,043
Transportation-HUD	48,841	68,841	20,000
Total	378,450	462,728	84,278